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My dear Dr. Watson:--

I think that my last letter to you must have miscarried. I wrote nearly three weeks ago, asking you to send me a copy of Henderson's Handbook of Cultivated Plants, the revised edition (1890). I also suggested two plans of procedure for determining what species of cultivated plants it is<sup>i</sup> best to admit, and asked your advice as to the more desirable. Would it be better to request the leading florists, nurserymen and seedsmen to indicate in their catalogues what species are most generally cultivated, or better to make out a list of those plants that I can ascertain as widely cultivated and send the list around for suggestions and corrections?

I am already making some progress with the work, omitting for the present the cultivated species. I have adopted the slip system by means of which I can insert at any time in proper place the cultivated species. As soon as I have completed the Ranunculaceae I shall send you a clean copy of the MS. for suggestions. Already I am confronted by numerous questions, which I am saving up to propound to you when I am ready to send on the sample. Questions as to method chiefly, they are. ---- I am anxious to get at the cultivated species as soon as possible, and I hope that this letter will reach you and receive your attention as soon as convenient.

Very sincerely yours,

CR Barnes

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